

From: Shawn Garvin/R3/USEPA/US
Sent: 1/20/2012 9:16:37 AM
To: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
CC:
Subject: Re: End of Day Status Report

Thanks. I don't know if you have seen any of the articles yet, but the quotes from DEP, Cabot and a resident are very interesting.

"Cabot believes that the US EPA has a flawed interpretation of the data and has taken it out of context; this has resulted in an unwarranted investigation by US EPA regarding water quality. PADEP has extensively investigated alleged groundwater concerns in the Dimock area and concluded, using sound science, that it was safe," Cabot spokesman George Stark said in a statement.

"Our review, so far, tells us that EPA does not seem to have presented any new data here," DEP spokeswoman Katherine Gresh said. "More than a year ago, DEP's enforcement action addressed this issue and ensured funds were set aside to resolve the water quality issues for these homeowners."

(Later - and what seems to be inconsistent). Ms. Gresh, the DEP spokeswoman, said the department is just beginning to review information provided by EPA on Thursday and agrees that additional sampling should take place in Dimock. The treatment system proposed in the state's December 2010 settlement with Cabot would solve the residents' water issues, she said.

"The system would address parameters EPA references here, including arsenic and manganese, and would provide water that meets and exceeds safe drinking water standards," she said.

"We really needed a break because it's been awful," resident Victoria Switzer said. "I believe the P in DEP these days stands for 'political,'" she added, "but I'm thinking the P in EPA might actually stand for 'protection.'"

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From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 01/20/2012 06:03 AM EST
To: Shawn Garvin
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Shawn. I know there have been difficult judgment calls and bumps along the road but you've really accomplished a lot here and should feel very good abt it.

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Bob - Thanks. We have a great team in Region III.

Shawn

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Great work by all! Thanks, Shawn, for the leadership.

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FYI... Let me know if you have any questions.

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Homeowner Contacts – Began making calls mid-afternoon. The four homes to get water have been contacted and the balance of calls will be completed this evening.

PA DEP Calls – Shawn called Secretary Krancer several times during the day to apprise him of our plans. Sent a letter and Action Memo to the Secretary, Deputy, and Director of Oil & Gas via e-mail.
Secretary Krancer indicated they want to do split samples.

Cabot Calls – Bill Early called VP Smelko in the morning and afternoon. Sent the letters and Action Memo to the VP. Human Zia of ORC called counsel for Cabot. Regarding our request that they provide water to the residents and if they want to do split samples with EPA, they responded - Yes to split samples, and No to offering water to the four homes. Their counsel said they didn't have enough information to provide water, despite our sending them the Action Memo. They may come back to us later.

Pennsylvania Liaison Officer Contacts – Jennie Saxe called Senator Casey's staff and informed them of our plans. She also reached out to Congressman Marino's staff and left a message along with a short note. The rest of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation got the Press Release. Jennie forwarded Shawn's mid-day e-mail to several DEP directors - Kelly Hefner, Dana Aunkst, Marcus Kohl, and Secretary Krancer's Executive Assistant. Also, she sent the Press Release to John Hines – PA DEP Executive Deputy Secretary for Programs

Media - Background interviews by Shawn with Laura Legere of Scranton Times (her story has run), and Andy Maykuth of Philadelphia Inquirer. The Press Release was sent to Don Hope of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Kim Kennedy of CBS News. Kim is going to be on-site at Dimock to do filming tomorrow for a story to run on Saturday. (Mick Kulik/Terri White – OPA)

Environmental Organizations/Indian Nation Contacts - Humane Zia of ORC spoke to both the Sierra Club and the NRDC, and left a message with Joe Heath (Onondaga Nation). The Sierra Club had seen the Press Release. She also emailed the Action Memo to the Sierra Club and NRDC.